OU SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM
Michigan Department of Education (MDE)
Teacher Certification Rules for Felony/Misdemeanor Convictions and Civil Infractions

Applicant's Full Name: _____ Grizzly ID: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Program (please circle):   Elementary   Secondary   Music   Art   Dance   MATEE   MATSE

This document is a recognition and confirmation that Oakland University has made a good faith effort to inform education students of potential actions by Oakland University School of Education and Human Services and/or the Michigan Department of Education (MDE).

Michigan Department of Education reviews all applications for certification for candidates having reportable offenses or convictions on their record. Even after successful completion of a teacher education program and recommendation for certification, MDE may deny certification based upon the civil infraction, misdemeanor, criminal and/or felony records of certification candidates as well as licensed educators.

Questions related to civil infraction, misdemeanor, criminal and/or felony records must be answered honestly. Falsification or failure to disclose information may be grounds for denial of admittance or dismissal from the OU School of Education and Human Services education program, denial of a student teaching placement, and/or denial of certification. Any future civil infractions, misdemeanors, criminal and/or felony convictions must be reported to Oakland University and may jeopardize admission to the education program, student teaching, and/or recommendation for certification.

At the time of recommendation for certification, individuals with reportable offenses or convictions on their record will be required to provide court documents that show resolution of the issue, as well as provide a signed statement of explanation. This information will be reviewed and assessed by the Michigan Department of Education before certification can be granted.

By signing below, I _____, acknowledge that Oakland University has made a good faith effort to inform me of the possible challenges for admission to the OU School of Education and Human Services education program, student teaching, and/or for teacher certification by the Michigan Department of Education based upon my civil infraction, misdemeanor, criminal and/or felony records.

_____   _____   _____
            Applicant Signature   Printed Name   Date

8/16/18

CONVICTION AND SUBSTANTIATED CASE OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT QUESTIONS

Oakland University must request information involving possible convictions and substantiated cases that may impact certification from all potential and current teacher education candidates. You must answer the following questions truthfully. Falsification of any information regarding your criminal history may be grounds for dismissal from SEHS at Oakland University and/or denial and/or revocation of your teaching certificate from the Michigan Department of Education. If a case of child abuse or neglect has been substantiated against you and/or if you are required to register with the Child Abuse/Neglect Central Registry, you may be unable to complete the requirements for the Early Childhood Education endorsement. Please note, questions 1-2 do not pertain to any charges you may have against you as a juvenile.

If you have had a conviction expunged (a legal process to strike out a criminal record or conviction and is granted by a judge) you must answer "yes" to the appropriate question(s) below and then you should state that it was legally expunged with the date of expungement.

Important Notes: Pleading "No Contest" is still considered by the Michigan Department of Education to have been convicted of the crime and you must answer, "Yes" to the appropriate question(s) below Also, during your enrollment, you must report any future convictions or substantiated cases of child abuse or neglect to Oakland University's School of Education and Human Services in a timely manner.

Please read the statements below and circle "Yes" or "No" underneath each question:

1. Have you ever accepted responsibility in a civil infraction (excluding speeding tickets) or been convicted of (or pled no contest to) a misdemeanor or felony in any state, jurisdiction or country?

    Yes   or   No

2. Do you have any misdemeanor, and/or felony, or civil infraction charges pending against you in any state, jurisdiction, or country – including any charges against you in the military?

    Yes   or   No

3. Have you ever been required to register under the Michigan Sex Offenders Registration Act?

    Yes   or   No

4. Have you ever had a case of child abuse or child neglect substantiated against you? Substantiated means an investigation was conducted and child abuse and/or neglect was found to be substantial.

    Yes   or   No

5. Have you ever been required to register with the Child Abuse/Neglect Registry?

    Yes   or   No

6. Have you ever had a teaching, school counselor, school psychologist, or school administrator certificate surrendered, nullified, suspended or revoked?

    Yes   or   No

_____   _____   _____
        Applicant Signature   Printed Name   Date